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SUBJECT: INTERIM 200-MILE FISHERIES LEGISLATION

EMBASSY LONDON PASS MOORE, US LOS TEAM

1. JOHN NORTON MOORE, CHAIRMAN OF THE NSC INTERAGENCY

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

CONFERENCE, MET MAY 3 WITH SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR MYSHKOV TO DISCUSS PENDING LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS WHICH WOULD EXTEND US FISHERIES CONTIGUOUS ZONE FROM 9 TO 197 MILES (S.1988).

2. MOORE EXPLAINED BILL AND PRESENTED MYSHKOV WITH MAY 3 TESTIMONY OF ACTING SECRETARY RUSH BEFORE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE. MOORE STATED THE ADMINISTRATION WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE LEGISLATION, BUT ADDED THAT THERE WAS PRESSURE ON CONGRESS FOR PASSAGE OF BILL TO PROTECT US COASTAL AND ANADROMOUS FISHING INDUSTRIES FROM FOREIGN FISHERMEN. TWO AREAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE PERCH CATCH IN HAKE FISHERY OFF OREGON COAST AND INCIDENTAL CATCH OF HALIBUT. MOORE SUGGESTED THAT REDUCTION OF OVER-ALL SOVIET FISHING PRESENCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES IN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST

ATLANTIC FISHERIES MIGHT REDUCE PRESSURE FOR PASSAGE OF BILL. MYSHKOV ACKNOWLEDGED PROBLEM AND MENTIONED THAT US-USSR MIGHT WISH TO ENGAGE IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO ICNAF MEETING IN JUNE.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO USE ALL APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO REITERATE OUR CONCERN TO SOVIET OFFICIALS AND OUR HOPE THAT FUTURE FISHERY DISCUSSIONS WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR STEPS TO AVOID INTERIM FISHERIES LEGISLATION.

4. RUSH TESTIMONY BEING POUCHED. RUSH

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